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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :

Berend Houwen, et al.

Serial No.: 09/058,323

Filed: April 9, 1998

For: **PROCESS FOR DISCRIMINATING AND  
COUNTING ERYTHROBLASTS**



Examiner: G. Gabel

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION INCLUDING AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed July 3, 2000, which sets forth a shortened statutory period of three months for response. Accordingly, this response is filed timely upon mailing with an executed Certificate of Mailing, and a one month request for extension of time with accompanying fee, on or before November 3, 2000. 37 CFR 1.8.

Should the fee provided be insufficient or any other additional fee is required, please charge the same to Deposit Account No. 02-4467. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

**AMENDMENT**

Please amend the application as follows:

**In The Specification**

Please amend the claims as follows: